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SUBJECT: DAILY PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 25, 1977

-- TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS SUMMARY OF MAJOR
NEWS STORIES AS REPORTED IN NATIONAL PRESS.

1. WASHINGTON POST, JULY 25, "HALT AID TO SEOUL, 17 GI'S
URGE CARTER" BY JOHN SAAR.

BEGIN QUOTE. SEVENTEEN GI'S STATIONED IN SOUTH KOREA ARE
PETITIONING PRESIDENT CARTER TO WITHDRAW U.S. SUPPORT FROM
PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE OVER HIS ALLEGED REPRESSION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- THE SIGNERS OF A 250-WORD STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT ARE ALL ENLISTED MEN IN THE 2D INFANTRY DIVISION,
WHICH IS TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH KOREA WITH ALL OTHER U.S.
GROUND-COMBAT UNITS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS...

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-- THE PETITION READS, IN PART: "WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE
CURRENT ADMINISTRATION'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS IT IS TIME
FOR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO POSI-
TION THEMSELVES AGAINST THE REGIME OF PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG
HEE. WE ARE PERSONALLY NOT PREPARED TO FIGHT, DIE, OR

SUPPORT FOR ANOTHER MINUTE A NARROW-MINDED GOVERNMENT THAT:

-- "UNDER THE GUISES OF 'ANTI-COMMUNISM' AND 'DEMOCRACY'
ALLOWS ITS LEADER ABSOLUTE POWER OVER HIS SUBJECTS.

-- "LEGALLY AND ILLEGALLY JAILS, TORTURES, HARASSES, AND WHEN IT CAN, EXECUTES ON TRUMPED-UP CHARGES OF SUBVERSION, THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE OF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND . . . BASIC FREEDOM OF SPEECH, PRESS, AND EXPRESSION THAT ARE THE HALLMARKS OF A REAL DEMOCRACY."

-- THE SOLDIERS DISMISS AS "BASIC MILITARY PROPAGANDA" THE EXPLANATION FREQUENTLY GIVEN FOR THE U.S. PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA -- THE PRESERVATION AND DEFENSE OF A DEMOCRATIC NATION. THEY URGE PRESIDENT CARTER TO CEASE SUPPORTING A DICTATORSHIP "WHICH IS AGAINST OUR PRINCIPLES AS AMERICANS"

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-- UNDER A 1967 STATUS-OF-FORCES AGREEMENT WITH U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE FORBIDDEN TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN SOUTH KOREA'S POLITICAL AFFAIRS. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THE PETITION WOULD REQUIRE CLOSE SCRUTINY BY LEGAL OFFICERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT VIOLATES THE AGREEMENT....

-- THE DRAFTERS CONCEDE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CATALYST IN THE DRAFTING OF THE PETITION WAS THE ARRIVAL IN SOUTH KOREA FOR A MONTH'S VISIT OF AN EX-MARINE NAMED FRANK UNCLASSIFIED

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ZABOSKY, 21, OF BERKELEY, CALIF.

-- AN ANTI-WAR, ANTI-MILITARY CAMPAIGNER WHO ADMITS THAT HE FREQUENTLY TANGLED WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES OVER POLITICS, ZABOSKY CAME TO SOUTH KOREA WITH THE EXPRESS AIM OF LOCATING AND MOBILIZING ANTI-PARK SENTIMENT....END QUOTE

2. NEW YORK TIMES, JULY 25, EDITORIAL ON "IN SOUTHEAST ASIA NEGLECT CAN BE BENIGN."

BEGIN QUOTE. THE ENTRY OF UNIFIED, COMMUNIST VIETNAME INTO THE UNITED NATIONS LAST WEEK AND THE FORMAL DEMISE LAST MONTH OF THE LONG MORIBUND SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION (SEATO) START A NEW ERA IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS A BYSTANDER IN A REGION OF PREVIOUS DEEP INVOLVEMENT.

-- THE VASTLY REDUCED AMERICAN ROLE -- DESPITE CONTINUED LARGE INVESTMENTS AND RETENTION OF AIR AND NAVAL FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES -- IS A SOURCE OF ANXIETY TO THE NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS WHICH JOIN TOGETHER IN THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN). ALL FIVE ASEAN

MEMBERS (INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, AND THAILAND) ARE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT THE FUTURE ROLE OF VIETNAM, WHOSE MILITARY FORCES ARE OVERWHELMINGLY THE LARGEST IN THE REGION, AND NOSTALGIC FOR A SIMPLER TIME WHEN AMERICAN DOLLARS POURED IN TO COUNTERACT THE COMMU-

NIST INSURGENCIES WHICH CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT DISCONTENTS.
THEIR NOSTALGIA IS MISGUIDED, HOWEVER. SOUTHEAST ASIA
HAS SEEN TOO MUCH OF THE GREAT POWERS.

-- FROM VIETNAM COMES A VERY DIFFERENT MESSAGE, A REITERA-
TION OF THE CALLS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION AND EXTERNAL
NON-INTERFERENCE WHICH, OVER THE PAST 15 MONTHS, HAVE
MARKED HANOI'S ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
ALL FIVE ASEAN MEMBERS....
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-- YET VIETNAM'S OWN HANDS ARE NOT WHOLLY CLEAN.
CERTAINLY THE VIETNAMESE (AND THEIR LAOTIAN CLIENTS)
FURNISH WEAPONS AND TRAINING TO INSURGENTS IN NORTHEAST
THAILAND, AND THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE SUPPORT-
ING MALAYSIAN GUERRILLAS AS WELL. BUT SUCH SUPPORT IS
FAIRLY MODEST,...

-- WASHINGTON, FOR ITS PART, SHOULD SEEK TO CONVINCE THE
ASEAN GOVERNMENTS THAT THIS FORM OF NEGLECT IS BENIGN.
ONE PRICE OF REDUCED INVOLVEMENT IS THE DEPARTURE OF
THE ENORMOUS SUMS OF A.I.D. DOLLARS WHICH SLOSHED AROUND
THE REGION A DECADE AND LESS AGO. REPLACING THEM ARE
SMALLER SUMS, MOSTLY FROM INTERNATIONAL LENDERS SUCH AS
THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND OR THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK....

-- AMERICAN INFLUENCE ON THE ASEAN GOVERNMENTS IS GREAT.
WASHINGTON SHOULD SEEK TO INDUCE THEM TO TAKE HANOI AT
ITS WORD AND PRESS THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL RELATIONS. THEIR OBJECTIVE--AND-- OURS--
SHOULD BE TO DRAW VIETNAM, AND ALSO LAOS AND CAMBODIA, IN-
TO INTRAREGIONAL COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS. THE MORE THAT
VIETNAM AND THE TWO SMALLER COMMUNIST POWERS BEHAVE AS
STATES AMONG SOUTHEAST ASIAN STATES, RATHER THAN AS THE
SEATS OF VICTORIOUS REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS, THE GREATER
THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION.
END QUOTE.

3. NEW YORK TIMES, JULY 25, "SALVADOR CONFUSED BY AMERI-
CAN MOVES" BY ALAN RIDING.

BEGIN QUOTE. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPARENT DIFFI-
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CULTY IN TRANSLATING ITS GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
INTO SPECIFIC POLICY TOWARD EVERY SMALL NATION HAS
CAUSED DISARRAY IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND EL SALVADOR....

-- NEITHER AMERICAN NOR SALVADORAN OFFICIALS HERE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WASHINGTON'S POLICY TOWARD THIS TINY CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

-- THIS CONFUSION HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY THE DESIRE OF THE THREE-WEEK-OLD GOVERNMENT OF GEN. CARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND TO END RECENT TENSIONS. "WE FRANKLY DON'T KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US," A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE NEW PRESIDENT SAID.

-- IN THE ABSENCE OF DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON, IGNACIO E. LOZANO JR., AN OUTSPOKEN REPUBLICAN PUBLISHER WHO WAS UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR HERE UNTIL MID-JUNE, FREQUENTLY TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO COMPLAIN TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES ABOUT ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. AS A RESULT, EL SALVADOR FELT THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS CARRYING ON A PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST THIS COUNTRY.

-- AT A HEARING OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK, MR. LOZANO WAS ASKED HOW MUCH SUPPORT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, "LITTLE OR NONE," HE SAID....

-- AMONG OBSTACLES TO IMPROVED UNITED STATES-SALVADORAN RELATIONS, HOWEVER, ARE SEVERAL HUMAN-RIGHTS CASES INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS THAT WERE NOT RESOLVED BY THE MOLINA GOVERNMENT. ON FIVE OCCASIONS THIS YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, AMERICANS DETAINED BY SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EITHER BEEN ILL TREATED OR REFUSED ACCESS TO UNITED STATES CONSULAR OFFICIALS. FIVE PROTEST NOTES FROM THE AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE REMAINED UNANSWERED.

-- EVEN MORE SERIOUS IS THE STILL-UNSOLVED CASE OF RONALD J. RICHARDSON, A 24-YEAR-OLD DRIFTER FROM PHILADELPHIA WHO WAS DETAINED BY SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES LAST DECEMBER AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARED.... END QUOTE

4. WASHINGTON POST, JULY 25, EDITORIAL ENTITLED "SEA TREATY AT SEA."

BEGIN QUOTE. A MADDENING THING HAPPENED AT THE UNITED NATIONS THE OTHER DAY ON THE WORLD'S WAY TO A FAIRLY PROMISING LAW OF THE SEA TREATY. A DRAFT TEXT ON THE KEY ISSUE OF SEABED MINING, ONE THAT WAS POTENTIALLY ACCEPTABLE TO A BROAD CONSENSUS OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING

NATIONS, HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED PAINSTAKINGLY IN A COMMITTEE LED INFORMALLY BY NORWAY'S JENS EVENSEN. THE DRAFT THEN QUITE LITERALLY DISAPPEARED INTO THE OFFICE OF THE COM-

MITTEE'S FORMAL CHAIRMAN, PAUL ENGO OF CAMEROON. THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS DENIED ACCESS TO IT. THAT IS TO SAY, THE COUNTRY FINANCIALLY AND TECHNOLOGICALLY MOST READY TO MINE AND TO ENABLE OTHERS TO MINE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO OFFER ITS SUGGESTIONS OR EVEN LEARN OF THE SUGGESTIONS OF OTHERS. MR. ENGO WROTE IN CHANGES SUGGESTED BY A FEW DELEGATES SEEMINGLY COMMITTED LESS TO NEGOTIATING AN AGREED TEXT THAN TO ORGANIZING SEABED MINING ON RADICAL THIRD WORLD LINES.

-- THE AMERICAN DELEGATE, ELLIOT RICHARDSON, WHO HAS A PRECISE WAY OF PUTTING THINGS, WAS COMPELLED TO PRONOUNCE THE RESULT "FUNDAMENTALLY UNACCEPTABLE." UNDER ITS TERMS, NEITHER AMERICAN NOR--HERE'S THE IRONY--THIRD WORLD MIN-
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ING WOULD SEEM TO HAVE A PRAYER. WHETHER THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE CAN STAY AFLOAT NOW BECOMES A CHANCY THING.

-- THOSE AMERICANS MOST COMMITTED TO A TREATY (VIRTUALLY ANY TREATY) AS A MODEL OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM-SOLVING ARGUE THAT THE MINING HANGUP DOESN'T CROSS OUT THE CONFERENCE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENSURING FREE TRANSIT THROUGH THE NEW 200-MILE NATIONAL ECONOMIC ZONES AND THROUGH STRAITS, AND IN PROVIDING FOR RESEARCH, CONTROL OF POLLUTION AND SETTLEMENT OF OCEAN DISPUTES. MR. RICHARDSON ACKNOWLEDGED ALL OF THESE PLUSES. OUR GUESS IS, NONETHELESS, THAT FEW AMERICANS ARE READY TO "PAY" IN FOREGONE MINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR A TREATY THAT BESTOWS IN THE FUTURE TRANSIT RIGHTS THAT, AFTER ALL, THE UNITED STATES HAS ENJOYED IN THE PAST WITHOUT A TREATY.

-- EVEN IF THE ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC VALUE OF SEABED MINERALS FALLS SUBSTANTIALLY SHORT OF HEADY INDUSTRY ESTIMATES, THAT PROPOSAL IS A POLITICAL NON-STARTER. MOREOVER, THE ADMINISTRATION WILL HAVE A TOUGH TIME STOPPING CONGRESS FROM UNILATERALLY LEGISLATING SOME KIND OF LEGAL LICENSE AND FINANCIAL-SAFETY NET FOR AMERICAN MINING CONSORTIA....

-- MORE IN SORROW THAN ANGER, MR. RICHARDSON IS RECOMMENDING TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES REVIEW NOT ONLY ITS INTEREST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT ALSO THE WISDOM OF STICKING WITH NEGOTIATIONS THAT ALLOW PROCEDURES AS UNFAIR AS MR. ENGO'S. HE COULD HAVE DONE NO LESS.... IN NO OTHER WAY CAN THE ADMINISTRATION HOPE EITHER TO INDUCE THE CONGRESS TO PROCEED, IF IT MUST, TENTATIVELY

D CAREFULLY ON MINING LEGISLATION, OR TO CONVINCE THE THIRD WORLD THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT SO EAGER TO CURRY ITS FAVOR THAT IT WILL ACCEPT JUST ABOUT ANY TREATY. ONLY WHEN THE THIRD WORLD MAJORITY BELIEVES THAT TO BE

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THE CASE WILL IT MAKE AN EFFORT TO WREST CONTROL OF ITS OWN INTERESTS BACK FROM ITS RADICAL FRINGE. END QUOTE

5. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, JULY 25, "CARTER REMARKS ON PANAMA STIR UP A TEMPEST" BY JAMES GOODSSELL.

BEGIN QUOTE. PRESIDENT CARTER APPEARS TO HAVE OPENED A HORNET'S NEST WITH STATEMENTS THIS PAST WEEK ON THE PANAMA CANAL.

-- ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN YAZOO, MISSISSIPPI, ON CURRENT UNITED STATES-PANAMA TALKS OVER A NEW TREATY TO GOVERN THE WATERWAY, MR. CARTER:

-- SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. RETAIN "PARTIAL SOVEREIGNTY" OVER THE CANAL ZONE UNTIL THE YEAR 2000, WHEN THE TREATY, STILL BEING DRAFTED, IS DUE TO TERMINATE.

-- INDICATED THAT THE U.S. WOULD "RETAIN THE RIGHT TO DEFEND" THE CANAL "WITH OUR ARMED FORCES AND TO KEEP IT OPEN" BEYOND THE YEAR 2000.

-- RESURRECTED THE IDEA OF BUILDING A SEA-LEVEL CANAL ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA THAT WOULD DO AWAY WITH THE PRESENT RELATIVELY TIME-CONSUMING SYSTEM OF LOCKS THAT RAISE AND LOWER SHIPS ACROSS THE ISTHMUS.

-- THESE STATEMENTS IMMEDIATELY PROVOKED ANGRY OUTBURSTS FROM PANAMA AND WORRIED GLANCES FROM U.S. OFFICIALS.

-- "MR. CARTER IS ALL WRONG," EXCLAIMED AN OBVIOUSLY EMBITTERED PANAMANIAN SPOKESMAN, WHO ADDED THAT "THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE IRREPARABLE HARM TO THE TALKS."...
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-- U.S. OFFICIALS, WHO SAY PRIVATELY THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS COMPLICATED THE TALKS ON A NEW TREATY BY INJECTING WHAT ONE CALLED "LOOSE LANGUAGE" INTO THE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING THE TALKS.

-- ALTHOUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MAINTAINED SILENCE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, ONE U.S. SOURCE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD "SO BLURRED DISTINCTIONS" BETWEEN WORDS SUCH AS "SOVEREIGNTY, JURISDICTION, AND CONTROL" THAT THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS AT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WITH

PANAMA ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOME EXPLAINING.

-- MOREOVER, CLOSE OBSERVERS OF THE PANAMA-U.S. TALKS
SAY THE PRESIDENT MAY HAVE SET THE TALKS BACK CONSIDERA-
BLY BY HIS STATEMENTS....

-- JUST WHY THE PRESIDENT MADE THE OTHER REMARKS IS NOT
CLEAR. END QUOTE VANCE

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